

ABOUT SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST (SCA) COALITION

SCA is a leading cause of death in the U.S., killing more than 250,000 people every year, yet the public does not know enough to protect itself, and even the medical community does not know enough to always identify those at risk.

The SCA Coalition is comprised of 30 organizations passionate about preventing sudden cardiac arrest deaths through legislative initiatives that lead to greater public awareness, research and access to life-saving therapies.

We are focused on working cooperatively on a national level to achieve results with Congress, the Administration, other policy makers, the media, health care providers and the public.

As a whole, the Coalition and its membership:

1. Recognize that SCA is a leading cause of death in the U.S. claiming more than 250,000 lives annually, and demands our urgent attention.
2. Advocate for increased research funding to allow better understanding of the underlying causes of SCA and develop better screening tools, new treatments, and therapies.
3. Support the need for SCA public education/awareness initiatives.
4. Recognize that increased awareness of the causes and risk factors of SCA will lead to improved identification of high-risk patients and ultimately save lives.
5. Action needs to be taken to ensure that all victims of SCA have prompt access to the life-saving therapies of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and external defibrillation, including the use of automated external defibrillators (AEDs).
6. Recognize that more widespread citizen CPR and AED training is needed and that individuals need to be empowered to administer emergency care.
7. Action needs to be taken to ensure that those who can be identified to be at high risk for SCA have access to therapies, including implantable cardioverter defibrillators (ICDs) and/or cardiac resynchronization (CRT) therapy.

Through awareness, greater research and improving access to life-saving therapies, the SCA Coalition hopes to save lives and protect all Americans from this leading killer.

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